



## **THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION ONTARIO COMMAND**

### **FACT SHEET May 2017 (Fiscal Year 2015-2016)**

The Legion at work in Ontario:

- There were 403 Branches, with a total membership of over 100,000 (97% of Ontario Command Branches responded to this survey)
- For the year 2016 Grants from Poppy funds, to Ex-Service Personnel and their Dependents, totaled \$800,814.39
- Additional Funds spent on Veterans Programs for 2016 totaled over \$306,000.00
- Money Spent on Medical Equipment and Research totaled over \$1.3 million
- Not including funds spent on Veterans, over \$341,000.00 was used for Seniors' Programs
- Provide funding for Provincial Service Bureaus, for Provincial Service Officers to assist, all Veterans – Currently Serving and Ex-Service Personnel, with pension applications, benefit concerns, on an ongoing basis - free of charge
- Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation approved \$499,094.00 to Ontario communities in 2016. Since its inception in 1979, donations approved amounted to over \$15,837,600.00 to various Hospitals, Health Clinics, Homes for the Aged and Charities in communities throughout Ontario.
- Through our Bursary program in the 2016-2017 academic year a total of 465 applications were awarded to students in need for post-secondary education in the total amount of \$232,500.00 in the Province of Ontario. Since the academic year of 2002-2003 to 2016-2017 our Bursary program has made a total of 11,032 awards totaling \$5,451,825.00

- Additional Bursaries from Poppy Trust funds were awarded in the amount of \$666,330.70
- Other Donations from Poppy Trust Funds in the amount of \$5,307,456.13
- Sponsors and facilitates low rental housing for senior citizens
- Branch and Ladies Auxiliary members visit Veterans in hospitals and continue to supply comforts and entertainment to enhance their quality of life
- Continued to support Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Army/Air/Sea Cadets and other Youth Programs in excess of \$1.6 million
- Other donations to local charities amount to over \$1.2 million, not from Poppy Trust Funds
- Donations to local Community Projects totaled over \$1.6 million
- Total Donations made to the Homeless Veterans Program - "Operation: Leave the Streets Behind" amount to over \$1,550,000.00. As of April 2017 over 500 Veterans have been assisted
- Ontario Command Members annually put in over 422,200 volunteer hours
- In 2016 Ontario Command Branches had over 6650 volunteer staff and employed over 1500 full time and part-time staff
- Ontario Command Branches offered their facilities free of charge to community groups for over 26,400 occasions in 2016

For further information please visit the  
Ontario Provincial Command Website at [www.on.legion.ca](http://www.on.legion.ca)

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